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Research Interests

Broad: Semantics and its interfaces.

Narrow: Tense, aspect, modality, and information structure.

Education

- 2023 - 2028 **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, University of California, Santa Cruz
Advisor: Roumyana Pancheva
- 2020 - 2023 **B.A. in Linguistics**, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Minors in Japanese and Psychology
Magna cum laude, Commonwealth Honors College

Summer Schools

- 2023 **Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute**, UMass Amherst

Publications

Conference Proceedings

- 2025 **Knick, Emily**. Future reference and covert modality in Khalkha Mongolian. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 10(1), 5936.

Presentations

Talks

- (accepted) **Knick, Emily**. Proximate futures in English and Turkish: An analogy between spatial and temporal proximity. Talk at North East Linguistics Society 56, New York, NY.
- (accepted) **Knick, Emily*** and Sharf, Eli*. On focus and the perfect aspect. Talk at Sinn und Bedeutung 30, Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2025 **Knick, Emily**. Future reference and covert modality in Khalkha Mongolian. Talk at the 99th Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

* = Co-first authors.

Posters

- 2024 Carpick, Ian, **Knick, Emily**, Boye-Lynn, Cal, Bennett, Ryan, and Rysling, Amanda. Learned performance or auditory bias: carryover vs. anticipatory nasal coarticulation. Poster at the Conference on Laboratory Phonology 19, Hanyang University.
- 2024 **Knick, Emily** and Rysling, Amanda. Temporal stability and the online assignment of hierarchical prosodic structure. Poster at the California Annual Meeting on Psycholinguistics 6, Stanford University.
- 2022 **Knick, Emily**. Prevoicing loss and the [voice] contrast in the production of Tokyo Japanese plosives. Poster at the 28th Massachusetts Undergraduate Research Conference, UMass Amherst. Virtual Presentation.

Research Positions

- 2024 - 2025 **Graduate Student Researcher**, NSF Grant BCS-1917619, UC Santa Cruz
PI: Roumyana Pancheva
◦ Project: The semantics of aspect in Paraguayan Guaraní
- 2022 - 2023 **Research Assistant**, Cognitive Science of Language Lab, UMass Amherst
PI: Brian Dillon
- 2021 - 2023 **(Co-)Lab Manager**, XLing Laboratories, UMass Amherst
PIs: Brian Dillon, John Kingston, Shota Momma
- 2020 - 2023 **Research Assistant**, Phonetics Lab, UMass Amherst
PI: John Kingston

Teaching

At UCSC

- Fall 2025 **Psycholinguistics I**
Instructor: Adrian Brasoveanu
- Spring 2025 **Invented Languages, From Elvish to Esperanto**
Instructor: Andrew Angeles
- Winter 2025 **Semantics I**
Instructor: Maziar Toosarvandani
- Fall 2024 **Phonetics I**
Instructor: Grant McGuire

At UMass

- Fall 2021 **Introduction to Phonetics**
Instructor: John Kingston

Honors & Awards

2025	THI Summer Pathways Fellowship , The Humanities Institute at UC Santa Cruz (\$5000)
2023 - 2024	Chancellor's Fellowship , UC Santa Cruz
2023 - 2024	Regents Fellowship , UC Santa Cruz
2020 - 2023	Departmental Honors in Linguistics , UMass Amherst

Service

At UCSC

2025	Speaker , Workshop on Applying to Graduate School in Linguistics
2024 -	Co-Founder , Supporting Linguistics Undergraduates (SLUG) Mentorship Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">Organize the SLUG Mentorship Program, which provides undergraduates in Linguistics with guidance on (non-)academic career paths in preparation for their post-graduate career goals.
2024 - 2025	Co-Coordinator , Semantics, Pragmatics, and Language Philosophy (SPLAP!) Reading Group
2024	Co-Coordinator , Speech and Sentence Processing Lab (s/lab)
2023 - 2025	Member , Linguistics Events Planning Committee

At UMass

2023	Student Volunteer , LSA Summer Institute
2021 - 2022	Linguistics Student Ambassador , UMass College of Humanities and Fine Arts
2021 - 2022	Dean's Advisory Board Representative , UMass College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Skills

Languages

English (native)
Japanese (intermediate)
Spanish (reading)
Khalkha Mongolian, Paraguayan Guaraní (research)

Technical Skills

L^AT_EX, MATLAB, PClbex, Praat, PsychoPy, Python, R